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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the

application:

Listing of Claims:

- (Cancelled)
- (Currently amended) An isolated monocyte-derived multipotent cell expressing CD14, CD34, CD45 and type I collagen, wherein the cell is able to differentiate into osteoblasts, skeletal myoblasts or chondrocytes.
- (Previously presented) The isolated monocyte-derived multipotent cell according to claim 2, that is able to differentiate into mesenchymal cells by a culture under a condition inducing differentiation into mesenchymal tissues.
- (Currently amended) The isolated monocyte-derived multipotent cell according to claim 3, wherein the mesenchymal cells are osteoblasts, skeletal myoblasts, chondrocytes or adipocytes.
- (Previously presented) The isolated monocyte-derived multipotent cell according to claim 2, that is able to differentiate into myocardial cells by a coculture with cultured myocardial cells.
- (Currently amended) The isolated monocyte-derived multipotent cell according to claim 2, that is able to differentiate into nerve neurons by a coculture with cultured nerve neurons.
- (Previously presented) The isolated monocyte-derived multipotent cell according to claim 2, that is able to differentiate into endothelial cells by a culture under a condition maintaining endothelial cells.
- (Previously presented) The isolated monocyte-derived multipotent cell according to claim 2, that is able to differentiate into mesodermal cells.
- (Withdrawn) A method for preparing a monocyte-derived multipotent cell according to claim 2, comprising culturing peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMCs) in vitro on fibronectin, and collecting fibroblast-like cells expressing CD14 and CD34.
- (Withdrawn) The method for preparing a monocyte-derived multipotent cell according to claim 9, comprising culturing in vitro on fibronectin for 5 to 14 days.

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- (Withdrawn) A mesenchymal progenitor, a mesenchymal cell or a mesenchymal tissue induced by culturing the monocyte-derived multipotent cell according to claim 2, under a condition inducing differentiation into mesenchymal tissues.
- (Withdrawn) The mesenchymal progenitor, the mesenchymal cell or the mesenchymal tissue according to claim 11, wherein the mesenchymal cells are osteoblasts, skeletal myoblasts, chondrocytes or adipocyte.
- 13. (Withdrawn) A myocardial progenitor, a myocardial cell or a myocardial tissue induced by culturing the monocyte-derived multipotent cell according to claim 2, under a condition inducing differentiation into cardiac muscle such as a coculture with cultured myocardial cells.
- 14. (Withdrawn) A neural progenitor, a neuron or a nerve tissue induced by culturing the monocyte-derived multipotent cell according to claim 2, under a condition inducing differentiation into nerve, such as a coculture with cultured neuron.
- 15. (Withdrawn) An endothelial progenitor, an endothelial cell or an endothelial tissue induced by culturing the monocyte-derived multipotent cell according to claim 2, under a condition inducing differentiation into endothelium, such as a culture under a condition maintaining endothelial cells.
- 16. (Withdrawn) A mesodermal progenitor, a mesodermal cell or a mesodermal tissue induced to differentiate from the monocyte-derived multipotent cell according to claim 2, under a condition inducing differentiation into mesodermal cell or mesodermal tissue, such as a culture under a condition maintaining mesodermal cells.
- (Cancelled)
- 18. (Cancelled)
- (Withdrawn) A treating method comprising administering the monocyte-derived multipotent cell according to claim 2 and/or mesodermal progenitors, mesodermal cells and/or mesodermal tissues induced to differentiate from the monocyte-derived multipotent cell.
- (Withdrawn) A treating method comprising administering the monocyte-derived multipotent cell according to claim 2 and/or neural progenitors, neurons and/or nerve tissues induced to differentiate from the monocyte-derived multipotent cell.
- (Previously presented) The monocyte-derived multipotent cell according to claim 2, wherein said monocyte is obtained by culturing peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMCs) in vitro on fibronectin, and collecting fibroblast-like cells expressing CD14 and CD34.
- (Withdrawn) A method for preparing the monocyte-derived multipotent cell according to claim 21, comprising culturing in vitro on fibronectin for 5 to 14 days.